

Regarding: File number 12-375

My husband is currently in Nevada prison system. Once my husband was incarcerated I immediately lost half of my income, my best friend and so many other things.

I was doing everything I possibly could to keep money on our phone so I could at least talk to him every night. As soon as he was transferred to DOC our phone calls went to \$3.95 connection fee and \$3.50 per minute. Phone calls from Nevada to Colorado are you serious?? Someone is making so much money it is crazy while we struggle every single day.

Our loved ones are in prison and are currently paying for whatever crime they have committed, all of us know that. The families that continue to live without our loved ones here with us struggle every day to maintain somewhat of a normal life.

The only thing that helps me make it through my day until my husband is able to come home is the phone calls I receive from him after he eats dinner and that's when I get my kiss goodnight. With him in Nevada, we live in Colorado I can't go see him every weekend; I can only afford to see my husband every four months. He has also stated that the phone calls are one of the only thing that keeps him calm. It reminds him I am still here for him, I love him dearly and I will be until the day he gets to come home. We recently went through a situation where I was scared to death he was going to get hurt. I made him call me every chance he possibly could just so I knew he was OK and we could talk about the situation that happened to help to him get through it safely and realize he did not do anything wrong. It helped a huge amount to decrease his and my anxiety.

It has also been shown that interaction with their family is helpful in their rehabilitation process while incarcerated and the recidivism rate is lower.

Please help us. Ultimately it is the family of the person incarcerated & the inmates that pay the price & we are all suffering enough. We are scraping by as it is. Without the phone calls I would not be able to get up in the morning to go to work & we would lose everything.

I appreciate your time in reading my letter.

Sincerely,

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